

Culmstock Rural District Council.

Annual Report for Year 1918.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1918.

The number of deaths, including 6 which were transferred from outside, was 43 (18 male, 25 female) giving a death rate of 16.6 per 1000 compared with 11.5 in 1917.

The Infant mortality was 4, including 1 transferred from outside, giving a rate of 1.4 per 1000.

Causes of death.

Influenza	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis	3
Inalignant disease	4
Meningitis	1
Heart disease	4
Bronchitis	2
Pneumonia	9
Other respiratory diseases	1
Nephritis	1
Congenital Conditions	2
Suicide	1
Other defined causes	14
<u>Total</u>	<u>43</u>

Ages at which death occurred.

Under 1	1-5	5-15	25-45	45-65	65 upwards	Total
4	1	1	8	5	24	43

Births

Number registered 40 (24 male, 16 female) giving a birth-rate of 14.1 as against 13.8 in 1917.

Notifiable diseases

Whooping cough	9
Measles	18
German measles	4
Phthisis	5
Diphtheria	4
Chicken pox.	4

The schools at Bomeyock and Claydon were closed in October owing to Influenza in the district, and the school at Calmstock in June for measles.

Influenza was prevalent from October onwards, and I regret to report a few deaths, otherwise I believe your district suffered less from this scourge than most. A few cases of diphtheria occurred in one household, but appropriate measures prevented any spread. On the whole I think 1918 has been a healthy year.

Midwives

Two certified midwives are practising in your district.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,
Your obedient servant

J. F. Watts

Calmstock.

June 8 1919.

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